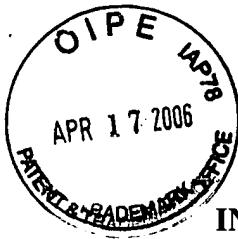


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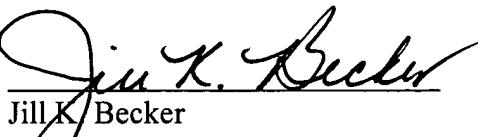
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This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Final Office Action mailed February 23, 2006 for the above-referenced patent application. A response to the Office Action is initially due on or before May 23, 2006, and thus, this Response is timely filed. It is further noted that the present response is being submitted prior to April 23, 2006 thus obliging the Examiner to provide an Advisory Action prior to May 23, 2006.

The claim listing begins on page 2 of this paper. No amendments have been made herein.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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